

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Hisashi ICHIMURA et al. : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH  
Serial No. [NEW] : Docket No. 2001-0969  
Filed July 11, 2001 :  
ANIMAL FIBER SUPERIOR IN SHRINK : THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
PROOFING AND METHOD FOR : TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
PREPARATION THEREOF : FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Page 1, please insert the following paragraph as the first full sentence after the title:*

This is a continuation-in-part application of Serial No. 09/721,772, filed November 27, 2000.

REMARKS

The above amendment is presented to insert the continuing data into the specification.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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